

# Independence

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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## Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

**Programs:** “Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” daily at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening*

## Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

*Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening*

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Congress Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Wednesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. open Sunday..... Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Saturday-Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

## Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

## Special Events and Program Descriptions

### January 16-18, 2015

**9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00** - Celebrate the 206<sup>th</sup> (January 19, 1809) birthday of Edgar Allan Poe by visiting where he lived when he achieved his greatest literary success. Edgar Allan Poe NHS

### January 17 & 18 – Happy Birthday Benjamin Franklin and Edgar Allan Poe

**9:00-5:00 - Armonica Demonstrations** - Hear a demonstration on the Glass Armonica, a musical instrument invented by Franklin, and described by his wife as sounding like the “voices of angels.” Benjamin Franklin Museum

**12:00 -Happy Birthday Benjamin Franklin** - See his likeness in portraits and sculpture in this ranger-led gallery tour. The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U. S

**1:00-3:00 - Sights, Sounds and Symbols for Families** Enjoy hands-on fun while you design your own seal, create your own portrait and more. Benjamin Franklin Museum

**3:00 - Franklin and Poe: Philadelphia’s Adopted Literary Sons** - Philadelphia was a printing and publishing center in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries thanks to the contributions of two unique men born a century apart: Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 1706) and Edgar Allan Poe (January 19, 1809). This slide program celebrates their January birthdays and their contributions to American culture. The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U. S.

## Holiday Hours

**New Year’s Day - January 1, 2015** Independence Visitor Center 8:30-6:00, Liberty Bell Center and Independence Hall 11:00-4:00.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - January 19, 2015** Independence Visitor Center 8:30- 6:00, Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall and Benjamin Franklin Museum 9:00- 5:00